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FOR ANDREWS FROM GARNETT, EUR/EE THREE COPIES ONLY

1. ROMANIAN HEARINGS. STATISTICAL DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN ROMANIAN AND US FIGURES ON EMIGRATION TO THE US CAN BE EXPLAINED IN AT LEAST TWO WAYS. IF US FIGURES ARE THOSE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY, DISCREPANCY MAY BE EXPLAINED BY FACT THAT OUR NUMBERS ARE ISSUANCES WHILE GOR FIGURES ARE PASSPORT AND EXIT VISA APPROVALS. BECAUSE OF GOR PASSPORT ISSUANCE PROCEDURES, TIME LAG BETWEEN APPROVAL AND PASSPORT ISSUANCE IS APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS, SINCE APPLICANTS MUST SETTLE ALL THEIR AFFAIRS BEFORE RECEIVING EXIT DOCUMENTS. TO THIS PERIOD, WE MUST ADD ALSO 3-4 WEEKS TO COMPLETE OUR UPDATE OUR OWN PROCESSING BEFORE US ENTRY DOCUMENTATION IS ISSUED (SEE PARA 3, BUCHAREST 3776, FOR FIRST SEMESTER FIGURES). IF OUR DATA BASE IS INS ENTRIES EITHER THROUGH IMMIGRANT VISAS ISSUED IN BUCHAREST OR THROUGH REFUGEE DOCUMENTATION ISSUED IN ROME TO OUR TCPS, OUR FIGURES ARE TOO LOW BECAUSE THEY DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PAROLEES. PERSONS GOING TO THE FRG WITH PRO FORMA C-1S, AND OTHERS WHO HAVE EXIT VISA FOR US BUT WISH TO GO ELSEWHERE AND ARE ASSISTED BY US IN DEPARTING ROMANIA.

2. PROPERTY CASES. WE HAVE SEARCHED OUR FILES FOR CONFIDENTIAL.

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ANY FORM OF WRITTEN ASSURANCES FROM THE GOR CONCERNING PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID US NATIONALS FOR PROPERTIES TAKEN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF DECREE 223. WE, LIKE YOU, HAVE COME UP WITH NOTHING. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, HOWEVER, THAT THE ASSURANCES WERE VERBAL, THAT THE ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUCH ASSURANCES TO WRITING ABORTED, AND THAT WE ARE CONSEQUENTLY LEFT

ONLY WITH A TRACE OF THE ATTEMPT IN THE FORM OF DRAFT LETTERS. WE WOULD AGREE WITH YOU THAT CITATIONS OF SUCH DRAFTS WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE APPROPRIATE. IT DOES OCCUR TO US THAT OUR STRONGEST CASE RESTS NOT IN VERBAL ASSURANCES BUT IN COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOR. THE EARLIEST SUCH COMMITMENT APPEARS TO US TO BE PARA 5 OF THE JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS DATED DECEMBER 5, 1973. THAT DOCUMENT HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN INVOKED AND REINVOKED IN EVERY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. SURELY OUR LAWYERS CAN CONSTRUCT A STRONG CASE AROUND THIS CENTRAL FEATURE OF US-GOR RELATIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR IS PLANNING FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST TO STAY AT RESIDENCE. AGGREY

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